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Mr. Juan Fajardo
United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region II
290 Broadway
New York, New York 10007-1866

**Re: The Diamond Alkali Superfund Site
Lower 8.3 Miles of Lower Passaic River Study Area
Essex and Hudson Counties, New Jersey
Notice Regarding Next Steps Including Initial Cash Out Settlement**

Dear Mr. Fajardo:

This office represents Chevron Corporation and its affiliated entities ("Chevron") identified in USEPA's letter of March 30, 2017, regarding USEPA's "next steps" with respect to the Lower Passaic River. The letter advises of EPA's intent to (i) immediately cash out twenty parties who, according to EPA, are not associated with a disposal or release of any contaminant of concern for OU-2; and (ii) initiate an allocation process to cash out additional parties who are not responsible for the release or discharge of dioxins, furans, or polychlorinated biphenyls ("PCBs") into the Lower Passaic River. With respect to the latter, the letter states that EPA will notify those parties it believes should be part of the allocation process. The letter also invites the recipients thereof to direct any questions regarding the letter to you.

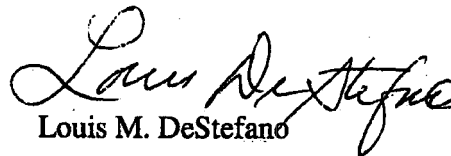
The purpose of this letter is to request that Chevron be included in the above described allocation process. Chevron is prepared to demonstrate that it is not associated with a

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release or discharge of dioxins, furans, or PCBs into the Lower Passaic River. Chevron would like to discuss its position with EPA in advance of EPA's initiation of the allocation process described in its letter.

I will call you to discuss.

Very truly yours,



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